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the problems it attempts to address, but those which we, at the state level, can deal with, we ought to deal with those as effectively as possible, and Senator Beutler's amendment will move us in that direction. Later on as we proceed, if our esteemed economist, Dr. Raikes, returns to the floor and our esteemed legal expert, Dr. Brashear, the silver fox, returns to the floor, I may have a couple of questions I'd like to put to them, the answers to which will edify me in terms of what direction they are looking, because if there are some points that need to be made a matter of record, I want those points not only made but be crystal-clear and I would have questions that they perhaps can answer for me. But I'm speaking, at this point, in support of Senator Beutler's amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Dierks, on the Beutler amendment.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I do accept this as a friendly amendment and I think it does make the bill a better bill. I'd like to just tell you that a little message I had passed to me this morning, it says that the packers and stockyards people have indicated that Nebraska's bill is...among the 20 states who are doing this type of legislation, they are looking at Nebraska's bill as the possible model for the nation. So I think it's important that we keep that in mind. We think that, and I have to tell you that the credit for that actually goes to the agricultural groups in Nebraska; the Farm Bureau, the Farmers Union, the pork producers, the cattlemen, and the Center for Rural Affairs. These are the people that helped us with this bill every step of the way. We had them in the office asking us for what they wanted and telling us what they needed and what we tried to work together with them. And at this point, they all are in concurrence that this bill is going to help their people as well as anybody else in the state that doesn't belong to those organizations. So I just wanted you to know that we are on the right track as far as the federal people are concerned and this piece of...this amendment that Senator Beutler has will tighten it up. The thing you should remember about the amendment, if you've seen it, the word that seem to be the most important is when they talk about the intentional reporting of false information, and the word "intentional" is the one that makes it